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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002.

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